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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
March 21, JOHANN, German str., 428, H. Bings.  
Pakhoi 17th March, and Holhew 20th.  
General—WIELER & Co.  
March 22, TELMON, British steamer, 1,557.  
Jackson, Shanghai via Swatow 17th March.  
General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
March 22, NAMOA, British steamer, 863, F. D.  
Goddard, Foochow 19th March, Amoy 20th,  
and Swatow 21st. General—DOUGLAS LA.  
PAK & Co.  
March 22, DORIS, German str., 771, F. Babin,  
Haiphong 19th March, and Holhew 21st.  
Rice—WIELER & Co.  
March 22, CIGONE, British str., 1,030, George,  
Siagon 17th March, Rice—CHINESE.  
March 22, INDEPENDENT, German str., 871, W.  
J. SCHAFER, Singapore 14th March, Gen-  
eral—WIELER & Co.  
March 22, PACCIOLA, German steamer, 875, Th.  
Nissen, Singapore 15th March, General—  
MELCHERS & Co.  
March 22, TETIOT, British steamer, 1,348, Cor-  
tindale, Bordeaux via Haiphong 19th March.  
General—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.  
22ND MARCH.  
Changsha, British str., for Port Darwin—  
China German str., for Deli.  
Glamorgan, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Telenon, British str., for Singapore.  
Fuyu, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

March 22, FORMOSA, British str., for Swatow.  
March 22, CHIANG H. TENG, British str., for  
Swatow.  
March 22, KONG BENG, Brit. str., for Bangkok.  
March 22, CHANGSHA, British str., for Australia.  
March 22, FU-YEW, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
March 22, CHINA, German str., for Deli.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Johans, str., from Pakhoi and Holhew—  
50 Chinese.  
Per Telenon, str., from Shanghai &c—Capt.  
Mrs. McElroy, Master, McElroy (3), Mr.  
and Mrs. McDowell, and child, Mrs. Sampson,  
Mrs. Naser, and 890 Chinese.  
Per Nomao, str., from Coast Ports—Master,  
William and Mohs, 6 Chinese, and 260 Chinese,  
etc.  
Per Doris, str., from Haiphong, &c—Mr. Da-  
hary, and 50 Chinese.  
Per Teti, str., from Bordeaux, &c—Mrs.  
Aberg and 2 children from Haiphong.

## REPORTS.

The German steamer *Piscidia*, from Singapore  
17th March, reports had fine weather from port  
to port.

The Danish steamer *Johans*, from Pakhoi 17th  
March, and Holhew 20th, reports had moderate  
waves and sea, hazy sky.

The British steamer *Cicero*, from Saigon 17th  
March, reports had fresh N.E. winds to 60  
miles of the Ladrones; thence to port very thick  
weather.

The British steamer *Telenon*, from Shanghai  
17th March, and Swatow 21st, reports had fine  
weather and calms to Swatow; from thence to  
Hong Kong rain and hazy weather.

The British steamer *Nomao*, from Foochow  
18th March, Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st, reports  
had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather;  
from thence to port light variable air and hazy  
weather. In Foochow R.C. *King Feng*,  
In Amoy str., *Chien, Canton, and Taiwan*. In  
Swatow str., *Thales*.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
will be held at the Office of the Company, Fraya  
Couto, No. 1, on the 26th March, at  
THE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the General  
Manager, declaring a Dividend, and electing a  
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 9th to 23rd instant  
both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1889. [506]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-  
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
will be held at Office of the Company, Fraya  
Couto, No. 1, on the 26th March, at  
THE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the General  
Manager, declaring a Dividend, and electing a  
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th  
instant, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1889. [487]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEET-  
ING of the 5th of the above Company will be held  
at the Hongkong Hotel on SATURDAY,  
the 30th instant, at 10 A.M., for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the General  
Manager, declaring a Dividend, and electing a  
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th  
instant, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1889. [487]

BEST SCOTCH WHISKY, IN ROUND  
BOTTLES.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO'S SHIPPING  
Entirely free from Fused Oil.

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or to SIEMSEN & CO. [556]

THE STEAM LAUNGH COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD CALL OF TEN DOLLARS  
per Share is due on the 2nd day of April  
1889, as per Article No. 33 of the Company.  
Shareholders will please pay the amount due  
upon their Shares to the HONGKONG &  
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

By Order,  
A. G. GORDON,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1889. [549]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFTS.

THE Shop TAI SHING, dealing in  
Chinese Goods, situated at Penang,  
No. 21, Farwell Street, from September  
last year and without any branch elsewhere, is  
NOT RESPONSIBLE for any LOANS or  
DEBTS of whatever amount which may be  
drawn or made by its Employees, it is not  
wasted Loans or Debts at all times.

664 TAI SHING.

JOSPEH GILLOT'S  
STEEL PENS.

GOLD MEDAL,  
PARIS, 1878.  
Sold by all  
Stationers and Dealers. [918]

## INTIMATIONS.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST  
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30  
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

\$1,000 STG. payable at death, would  
cost at the rate of—  
2 £ 18 0 per quarter (a) If premiums are payable for whole of life;  
or £ 2 9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 2 years;  
or £ 11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15 years;  
or £ 13 0 0 (d) If the sum assured is made payable at age 50, or  
at death if previous.

AFTER being three years in force, each  
year's payment of premium secures a  
proportionate part of sum assured as explained  
in Prospects. For instance: after five years a  
man assured under plan b would be entitled to  
a free Policy for 5/20th of sum  
assured, which he should be wish to discontinue  
future payment.

The same premiums if commenced at age  
40, b, would cost respectively (a) £ 23 15 0,  
(b) £ 11 5 0, (c) £ 13 2 4, (d) £ 22 0 8 per quarter.

It is an advantage to effect provisions  
of this nature early in life. By delay the rate  
of subscription increases; Death may occur  
before the provision is effected, or Health may  
fail and render the life ineligible for Assurance.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED,  
Agents, Hongkong.

## INTIMATION.

THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, ESTABLISHED 1845.

TOTAL ASSETS ON 1 JANUARY, 1888  
AMOUNT ASSURED ..... £ 26,976,616  
SURPLUS BY NEW YORK STATE ..... £ 2,835,048  
STANDARD ..... £ 2,437,612

The Company is a purely Mutual one, no  
liability is incurred by the Policy Holders  
in making a dividend. The Company  
is the third largest life insurance company  
in the world, the ratio of Death Losses to (1)  
Prussia, (2) Ireland, and (3) Tasmania in  
1887 was lowest in the NEW YORK  
LIFE, whilst Interest receipts, since 1845,  
have exceeded losses by death by over \$600,000.  
Careful selection of lives and careful  
investment of money.

BIELEY DALRYMPLE & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [155]

## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... £ 7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £ 4,300,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... £ 5,000,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS  
W. H. FOREMAN, Esq., Chairman.  
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED  
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of  
2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months 4 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months 5 per cent. per annum.  
LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED—

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and  
over 200 descriptions of Banking and Exchange  
Business, including  
BRAKES granted on London and the chief  
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,  
America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 8th March, 1889. [19]

## NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG  
SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be  
conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation, on their premises in  
Hongkong, Business hours on week-days, 10  
to 2; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at  
one time will not be received. No depositor  
may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having  
\$100 or more at their credit may at their option  
transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for  
12 months at 5 per cent. per annum.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per  
annum will be allowed to Depositors on their  
daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis  
with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with  
each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must  
not make any entries themselves in their Pass-  
Books, but should send them to be written up  
at least twice a year, about the beginning of  
January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the  
Bank must be addressed to the HONGKONG SAVINGS  
BANK, forwarded by the nearest British Post Office in  
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,  
but the personal attendance of the Depositor or  
his duly appointed Agent, and the production of  
his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION,  
G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1889. [10]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ..... £ 2,000,000.  
PAID UP ..... £ 500,000.

Registered Office, 40, Threadneedle Street,  
London.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN  
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives money on Deposit,  
Bills of Exchange, and Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection,  
and Transacts Banking and Agency Business  
generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits—

Fixed for 12 months, 6 per cent. per annum.

Fixed for 3 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per  
annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL  
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the  
Bank's Assets and Claims purchased on  
a Settlement of debts.

Agents of the NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE  
SOCIETY

E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1887. [11]

SCOTCH W. H. S. K. Y.

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because it is old and mature and rich.

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or to H. H. COCKFIELD & CO.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1889. [1176]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... £ 25,000,000  
PAID UP CAPITAL ..... £ 1,250,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. J. BELL-IRVING, Chairman.

Hon. C. P. CHATTE, Vice-Chairman.

E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.

## INTIMATIONS.

1889. NOW READY. 1889.  
THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY  
FOR 1889.  
With which is incorporated  
THE CHINA DIRECTORY,  
(TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ISSUE),  
COMPLETE, WITH APPENDIX, MAPS, &c.,  
Royal Svo. £1.25. .... 55.00.  
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has been thoroughly revised and brought up  
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DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
For Heartburn, Ulcer, &c.  
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Manufactured by Messrs. D. & J. D. D. & J. D.  
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AENTS.—A. S. Watson & Co., Hongkong. 1889.

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PURE CARBOLIC SOAPS.

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Tropical Climates, and will fit most useful  
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STRONG MEDICINAL.

in Single Tablet boxes.

White, guaranteed to contain 20 per cent. of

Pure Carbolic Acid.

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Rose Colour, guaranteed to contain 10 per

cent. of Pure Carbolic Acid.

TRANSPARENT. Do.

TOILET SOAPS.

3 Tablets in a Box.

Rose Colour, guaranteed to contain 5 per cent.

of Pure Carbolic Acid.

TRANSPARENT. Do.

THE HONG-KONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1889.

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There will be a game of Polo to-day, the 23rd instant, at 4.30 p.m., at Causeway Bay.

We are requested to state that the usual Sunday service in the German Chapel at the Berlin Foundling House cannot take place on the 24th and 31st inst.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Ch'st'sm'st Cycles from Livermore, left Singapore on Thursday afternoon for this port.

On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch bringing the British Mail will call alongside any vessel having a passenger in it, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Women's) Church, returning about 12.30.

The Cricket match Club v. Army and Navy was begun yesterday afternoon. The services were disposed of for 65. When the Club went in, they ran up 121 for six wickets. Dr. Lowson and C. S. Barfay playing hard cricket. A re-sumption will be made to-day at 11 a.m., when players are requested to be on the ground. It will be on the ground at 1 p.m.

The Band of the A. and S. Highlanders will play the following programme in the Public Gardens to-day, commencing at 3.30 p.m.—

Overture ..... "Brander and Dichter" ..... Supp. Ziehrer, Schuster, "Perry and the Devil" ..... L. L. L. Valse ..... "Der Morgenrot" ..... L. L. L. Galop ..... "Avalanche" ..... Faust.

In the Praya Reclamation Bill as read a first time at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday amendments on the draft published in the *Gazette* have been introduced limiting the bar to actions for damages in connection with the works to actions against the Crown; matters as between holders of lots and their sub-lessors or tenants being left unaffected by the Bill. Holders of sections fronting the Praya are also mentioned as parties to the scheme as well as holders of lots.

The following is the programme of Mr. Bangs' next Organ Recital to be given in St. John's Cathedral, on Monday next at 8 p.m.—

Overture ..... "Nocturne" ..... Mendelssohn.

March ..... "Nocturne" ..... Mendelssohn.

Solo—{ "Hear my Prayer" ..... Mendelssohn. (Mr. Miles.)

Roundo—{ "O for the shades of a dove" ..... Mendelssohn.

Koran—{ "Minster Windows" ..... Miss Cameron.

Grand Chorus ..... "Gelaut."

The *Siam Mercantile Gazette* says that visitors to the Park Exhibition this year will find Siam well represented. His Majesty the King appointed a large and influential Committee, and they have brought with them a fine collection of specimens of Siamese Art, Industry, and Products which over left the country for a European Exhibition. Our Bangkok temporary regrets that the Committee did not give the foreign community a chance to view these exhibits before they left Bangkok. His Majesty the King and the Court inspected the whole collection on the 2nd March. His Excellency the Phya Samut was charged to forward the collection to Paris, and everything was shipped off by the 5th March.

THE AMY SHERWIN COMPANY AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

It was to a house crowded in every part that the Amy Sherwin Company made its first appearance in Hongkong on Thursday night, and before a quarter of the programme had been completed its success was assured. Hongkong audience as a rule are not too profuse with applause, but on Thursday evening this was not so. The audience was evidently more than pleased, and signified its satisfaction in a most unmistakable manner. Hardly, if ever, has an unanimously enthusiastic audience been gathered within the walls of the Theatre Royal, and rarely, if ever has a Company appeared on the stage there which was so worthy of the plaudits and congratulations so freely bestowed upon them. The Company, or at any rate its leading members, have won golden opinions in all parts of the world. They came here with credentials and recommendations of the most flattering description from the leading journals in every quarter of the globe. Having, therefore, read and heard on every hand such praises of the talents and ability of the performers, it was with the highest expectation that we entered the Theatre, and it is with the greatest pleasure that we now record—and in so doing we are assured that we are expressing the opinion of all who were present on Thursday night—that those expectations were fulfilled to the utmost. "The Company is small," but it makes up in quality what it lacks in numerical value. There is no weak performer in the whole troupe; all are thorough and finished artists; and it is certainly to be doubted whether in Hongkong there has been before the equal of this Company; its superior we certainly have not.

The programme on Thursday was divided into two parts, a concert and two acts from Elstow's opera "Martha." Mezzo Stockwell and Sherwin opened the performance by the singing of "Love and War," which was given an admirable manner. Mr. Stockwell possesses a tenor voice of rare quality and range. Some of the notes in his upper register are little less than remarkable, yet at all times he sings with the most consummate ease and there is a total lack of straining or forcing his voice. Mr. Sherwin has a baritone voice, strong, flexible, yet well under control, and perfectly modulated, and he possesses moreover the knowledge how to use it with the best effect. Mr. Sherwin had not a great deal to do on Thursday evening, but in any future programme we trust to see him a little oftener on the stage. At the conclusion of the first, both vocalists were loudly recalled. Mr. Stockwell appeared again later in the evening and sang *Circe* Finatti's favorite "Queen of the Earth" in grand style. In response to the demands of the audience he gave "The English Girl," and later he gave the well-known selection from "Estudiantina," which was perhaps better rendered than even its predecessors. Miss Mme. Fischer has a pleasing presence and a well-trained voice of considerable sweetness, while her vocalisation is marked by refinement and grace. Her song "The boating of My Own Heart" was well adapted for bringing these qualities into notice, and was well rendered, while her singing, in the words of one of "On the Banks of Alum Water" gave her opportunity for displaying a wealth of expression and pathos. Miss Amy Sherwin's appearance on the stage was the signal for a most hearty outburst of applause. Good as are undoubtedly the other members of the Company, Miss Sherwin stands first and foremost. Miss Sherwin elected to make her debut in Hongkong in "Little bird so sweetly singing," in which she was accompanied by Mr. Lemoine on the flute. From the moment when Miss Sherwin trilled her first note, it was evident that we were listening to a vocalist of no ordinary powers. There was a hushed silence all over the house, and when the last note of this exquisite song had died away, such ringing applause followed as must have assured the fair performer that Hongkong was added to the already large number of her conquests. It would be difficult to say anything more in praise of Miss Sherwin's singing. Her voice is a strong, pure soprano of truly marvellous power and sweetness, and with an upper register that is little less than phenomenal. It is apparent that Miss Sherwin has studied in Continental schools, but she has had the wisdom to reject many of the affectations of these schools, and to graft on her native talent only such portion of the declamatory instruction as served to aid and heighten the effect of her vocal power. It is not too much to say that Miss Sherwin as a vocalist has few equals. A graceful stage presence, an attractive face, flexibility of voice, purity of tone, distinct enunciation, refined expression, faultless execution, and a pure soprano of truly marvellous power and sweetness, and with an upper register that is little less than phenomenal. It is apparent that Miss Sherwin has studied in Continental schools, but she has had the wisdom to reject many of the affectations of these schools, and to graft on her native talent only such portion of the declamatory instruction as served to aid and heighten the effect of her vocal power. It is not too much to say that Miss Sherwin as a vocalist has few equals.

As, however, the maintenance of the new sea-wall, completed will be a charge on the public funds, and the Government will be bound by its construction that it be under the supervision of the Government. So that for this reason and on other grounds of obvious convenience the whole of the works will be undertaken by the Surveyor-General's Department under a special Engineer appointed for the purpose. Though the owners of frontage-lots, as the Governor is advised on high authority, are not in any way analogous to that of riparian proprietors, it is necessary that they have an absolute right to be indemnified against the loss of their land. On this ground, therefore, and in order to avoid the endless litigation that would otherwise arise in respect of the complicated interests involved, it has been deemed necessary to make a special arrangement with the lot-holders and approved the terms provisionally arranged with the lot-holders and approved the draft of the Ordinance now submitted for carrying them into effect.

The Ordinance in its present form has, therefore, been modified to meet the case of the lot-holders, and the Government will be bound to pay compensation for the loss of their land.

The Governor is advised that the lot-holders will be entitled to compensation for the loss of their land, and that the amount of compensation will be determined by the Surveyor-General's Department under a special Engineer appointed for the purpose.

The Ordinance now submitted for carrying them into effect is as follows:—

(1) The provision of some 22 acres of building sites, which, when covered with houses (as they are morally certain to be as soon as completed) will afford a substantial relief to the present congested condition of the Town of Victoria, or at least will tend to prevent the extension of the town, and to obviate the need of further encroachment of that contiguous portion of the Town which already is probably more densely populated than any other equal space in the world.

(2) The conversion into wholesome drained land of the present noxious fens, which is becoming year by year a more serious nuisance, and involving an ever increasing danger to the health of the community.

(3) A great improvement in the Port, as regards the conditions of discharging of cargoes, arising from the fact that vessels of large draft will be able to lie alongside the proposed sea-wall throughout its entire length, and so obviate the need of dredging the channel and the expense of removing the stones.

(4) The provision of some 22 acres of building sites, which, when covered with houses (as they are morally certain to be as soon as completed) will afford a substantial relief to the present congested condition of the Town of Victoria, or at least will tend to prevent the extension of the town, and to obviate the need of further encroachment of that contiguous portion of the Town which already is probably more densely populated than any other equal space in the world.

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Mr. GREGORY—The local adviser stated at the last meeting that no proposition except that before us was to be dealt with, as it was out of order. I think the only course open is to put this resolution to the meeting. Whether it is confirmed or not is another question. I myself am in favour of its non-confirmation.

The CHAIRMAN—Do you propose that the resolution be confirmed?

Mr. GREGORY—No, the contrary.

The CHAIRMAN—The resolution lapses if it is not confirmed to-day.

Mr. GREGORY—I do not think a simple notice of that is sufficient. The meeting has been adverted to for the purpose of confirming the resolution, and I think it should be put to the vote.

Mr. LEGGE—I do not wish any legality or anything of that sort interfering with me this afternoon, but I secound the non-confirmation of the resolution if that has already been proposed. If that has not been proposed then I secound it.

The CHAIRMAN—I do not exactly understand you. I think someone proposed the resolution but it has not been seconded.

Mr. GREGORY—If I understand rightly, Mr. LEGGE proposes that the resolution be not confirmed.

I have great pleasure in secounding that.

The CHAIRMAN—That is not necessary. Does anyone propose that this resolution be confirmed? It is confirmed, is not proposed, seconded and carried it lapses. It is a positive resolution, and there is no need to propose a negative.

Mr. LEGGE—Then you can withdraw the resolution.

Mr. W. BUCHANAN SMITH—do not exactly know where we are now. Mr. Chairman, Langstroth.

The CHAIRMAN—Well, no one has proposed the confirmation of this resolution, and therefore it lapses.

Mr. BUCHANAN SMITH—There then is no resolution before the meeting with regard to the issue of new shares.

The CHAIRMAN—No, not at present. The business of the meeting is practically over, unless anyone has anything to say. We propose to hold a new meeting on the 4th April, when the resolution will be proposed, and the 10th April, when date the books will be closed.

Mr. LEGGE—Conduct you under your articles of association call a meeting ten days from now? Why should we waste such a lot of time?

The CHAIRMAN—You have to give ten days notice of the meeting. This is the 22nd March, and therefore it will only be a few days over before we hold the meeting.

Mr. GREGORY—I understand that the extraordinary meeting is closed, the direction to give any information to shareholders with regard to any matter. I understand an offer was made for part of our property. Perhaps you can inform us whether that is so?

The CHAIRMAN—An offer was written to the trustees within a few hours of the present meeting for a portion of our property, but of course there has not been time to consider it, and probably we will have to communicate with Mr. Bowdler giving an answer (Applause). We must be very careful about parting with any of our property.

Mr. GREGORY—You are not at liberty to state that the offer was?

The CHAIRMAN—We do not want to keep anything to ourselves that is of any value to the shareholders, but I do not think it is any good saying what the offer was. We must be prudent, of course. However, perhaps there can be some arrangement.

Mr. GREGORY—Tell me what it was. There was \$100,000 offered for a block of ten shares or for two blocks of five shares.

Mr. GREGORY—\$100,000 in cash.

The CHAIRMAN—Well, cash in time, but a portion almost immediately.

Mr. GREGORY—What portion of the money immediately?

The CHAIRMAN—The offer may be modified considerably. I think it is better to keep the particulars quiet. It may be modified to some extent.

Mr. BUCHANAN SMITH—According to the offer you got for ten square miles, would it not make the value of the whole property about \$600,000?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes, it was all like the ten miles offered for (Langstroth).

Mr. BUCHANAN SMITH—I simply want the shareholders to have some sort of idea of the value of their property. (Renewed laughter).

Mr. GREGORY—Would you mind saying who made the offer?

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman is present, and tell all you himself if he wishes so.

Mr. LEGGE—It seems I am always shoving my car in, but I do not think we can discuss the subject of this offer now. I think the testing is at an end. If anyone might make an offer of \$100,000 for a part of the property, submit with till the matter has been considered.

Mr. BUCHANAN SMITH—I am quite prepared to do that and Mr. LEGGE may make it known to you in a few days, when the Mr. Bowdler (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, I think

nothing else to say, and I shall be glad to be seated.

The meeting then closed.

PRESENTATIONS TO HON. J. M. PRICE.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION.

The officers and subordinate employees of the Public Works Department assembled yesterday to present to the Surveyor-General's Office for a purpose of presentation the Hon. Mr. Price, Surveyor-General, with an address, and the seal on the eve of his departure from the Colony. There were also present several Chinese contractors. The testimonial consisted of a well

letter silver writing set and card tray.

Mr. BOWDLER said—Mr. Price on this, the eve of your departure from Hong Kong, on receiving your appointment as Head of the Public Works Department, I have, on behalf of myself and brother officers, a few words to present to you with an address, which Mr. Macmillan, the Secretary to the Testimonial Committee, has now read.

Mr. MALSOM read the following address—

Mr. BOWDLER—The Public Works Department, Hong Kong, 1st March, 1883.

Mr. H. J. M. Price, F.R.G.S., F.G.S., Surveyor-General, Public Works, Hong Kong.

Dear Sir—In view of your intended departure from this colony and retirement from the Public Works Service, we, the undersigned officers of the Public Works Department, have, on behalf of myself and brother officers, a few words to present to you with an address, which Mr. Macmillan, the Secretary to the Testimonial Committee, has now read.

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